

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawings have been amended to add labels to at least the blocks that are used in each of Figs. 1-3. These amendments have been incorporated into the replacement sheets which are appended to this response. These amendments are deemed to overcome the objection raised under 37 CFR 1.121(d).

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In this response, the drawings and the abstract have been amended in a manner which overcomes the objections raised in connection therewith.

In connection with the rejection of claims 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2003/0222527, it is submitted that inasmuch as this reference is available under 35 USC § 102(e) and inasmuch as the subject matter of both this reference and the instant application were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person/legal entity or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person/legal entity, that the reference is accordingly disqualified under § 103(c). The assignment for the instant application has been recorded on 10/31/2003 at reel/frame 014657/0786.

The rejection is therefore traversed on the grounds that the cited reference is not applicable with respect to the subject matter claimed in the instant application.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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